

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 <sup>50</sup> 1. A telecommunications system, comprising:  
 2 <sup>AV</sup> local area network;  
 3 one or more telecommunications devices coupled to said local area network;  
 4 a switching unit coupled to said local area network, said switching unit  
 5 adapted to associate a plurality of numbers with a user, record a time and associated  
 6 number at which said user has been reached, and perform a closest neighbor  
 7 comparison of previous calls to determine where to connect a current call.

1 2. A telecommunications system in accordance with claim 1, said  
 2 switching unit further adapted to switch calls to said user at particular locations at  
 3 programmed times.

1 3. A telecommunications system in accordance with claim 2, said  
 2 switching unit comprising an H.323 gatekeeper.

1 4. A telecommunications gatekeeper, comprising:  
 2 a control processor adapted to process incoming and outgoing calls, wherein  
 3 users have one or more numbers associated with them;  
 4 a record unit adapted to store in a memory a call history associated with  
 5 particular users; and  
 6 a compare unit adapted to perform a closest neighbor comparison of said call  
 7 history to determine at which of said one or more numbers to connect the call.

1 5. A telecommunications gatekeeper in accordance with claim 4, said  
 2 control unit programmable to switch calls to said users at particular numbers at  
 3 particular times.

1 6. A telecommunications gatekeeper in accordance with claim 5, said  
 2 compare unit adapted to perform said closest neighbor comparison if a call is not  
 3 connected to a programmed number at the programmed time.

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1        7.     A telecommunications gatekeeper in accordance with claim 4, wherein  
2 said call history is updated after every call.

1        8.     A telecommunications gatekeeper in accordance with claim 4, wherein  
2 said call history is cleared after a predetermined period.

1        9.     A method, comprising:  
2        maintaining a call history of calls to one or more numbers of a particular user;  
3        receiving a new call;  
4        performing a closest neighbor comparison on said call history to determine at  
5 which of said numbers to switch said new call;  
6        connecting said new call; and  
7        updating said call history.

1        10.    A method in accordance with claim 9, further comprising first  
2 attempting to switch a call to a user-programmed time associated call location.

1        11.    A method in accordance with claim 10, further comprising clearing said  
2 call history after a predetermined period has elapsed.

1        12.    A method, comprising:  
2        providing a control processor adapted to process incoming and outgoing calls,  
3 wherein users have one or more numbers associated with them;  
4        providing a record unit adapted to store in a memory a call history associated  
5 with particular users; and  
6        providing a compare unit adapted to perform a closest neighbor comparison  
7 of said call history to determine at which of said one or more numbers to connect the  
8 call.

1        13.    A method in accordance with claim 12, said control unit programmable  
2 to switch calls to said users at particular numbers at particular times.

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1           14.    A method in accordance with claim 13, said compare unit adapted to  
2 perform said closest neighbor comparison if a call is not connected to a programmed  
3 number at the programmed time.

1           15.    A method in accordance with claim 14, wherein said call history is  
2 updated after every call.

1           16.    A method in accordance with claim 14, wherein said call history is  
2 cleared after a predetermined period.

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